GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI is trying to revive militancy in Punjab as reported in `The Times of India` dated December 27, 2006 ;

(b) if so, whether the Government has recently arrested terrorists and seized arms, ammunition and explosive therefrom;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring a white paper on ISI activities in the country;

(e) if so, the time which it is likely to be made public; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities of ISI in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : Important leaders of Sikh militant outfits such as Babbar Khalsa International

(BKI), Khalistan Commando Force/Panjwar (KCF/P), Khalistan Zindabad Force

(KZF) and International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) continue to be sheltered in Pakistan.

(b) & (c):A recovery of 11 kg RDX, 11 detonators, 4 hand grenades, 11 timer devices, 2 pistols with 4 magazines, 100 cartridges etc. has been made from the arrest of Paramjit Singh Dhadi and his two associates, all members of ISYF/R Jalandhar, Punjab on December 23, 2006.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise in view (d) above.

(f) : The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi pronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militant and ISI/anti national elements, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, action against the espionage elements under the Official Secrets Act etc.